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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

The Wrights' proposed school of aviation will, of course, give the degree of H. F.—high flyer.

"Get near Brattleboro," advertises a Brattleboro real estate agent. Near enough, thank you!

Hatpins are rated as dangerous animals in Kansas City, for they must be muzzled. And we guess they are.

Enemies of Christian Science are at work surely when they start the story of a "resurrection" of Mother Eddy.

No death of a man in the granite industry could have a wider influence than that of George D. Webb of Worcester, Mass., whose tragic end was told in yesterday's paper, because of the multiplicity of interests which he represented. Not the least of these interests was the manufacture of the granite saw which was invented by two Northfield young men and which was but recently put on the market. Then, too, the quarry property of Mr. Webb was widely scattered in several states of New England.

If the Vermont legislature had not already, and recently, killed a bill which proposed to give the right of suffrage to women, then the Vermont Anti-saloon league might with more propriety come before the assembly and ask for the granting of the special right to women to vote on the liquor question under the local option law. But inasmuch as the legislature, or the lower branch, had rejected the general proposition of woman's suffrage, it would not be consistent at the present time to pass a bill giving the special right mentioned. The purpose of the Anti-saloon league, in this bill, is to eventually kill the local option policy which throws the responsibility of the enforcement of the liquor law on the individual communities. The local option policy has, according to many newspapers of the state which are conservative journals and formerly in favor of state-wide prohibition, worked well, considering the great problem which it has to meet. Is the state of Vermont ready to discard that principle for a theory which has previously failed to meet the requirements? If so, then the legislature should pass this Anti-saloon measure now before the House. If the state is unwilling to change the policy till a better method of handling the problem is devised, then kill the bill. This we say without disclaiming allegiance to the liquor interests, together with other newspapers which are seeking for the best practical method of meeting the problem. The bill now before the House hits at the local option principle; that is admitted.

THE HAPGOOD GIFT TO VERMONT.

It has been stated that M. J. Hapgood presented Bromley mountain to the state of Vermont, without conditions except that the forests on the mountain remain forever uncut, so that it may remain as a preserve. That condition, it seems to us, is very important and somewhat too restrictive. It means that the state must never cut down the trees, but must leave them to mature and then pass into decay, one after the other, doing no good to the state of Vermont or to the students of forestry, except to please the eye as an exhibition of a virgin forest. A few trees shall, under the conditions of the gift, be cut merely for the purpose of making paths and drives through the dense tract; the remainder is to remain a dense tangle of whatever tree life may grow thereon. While the spirit which prompted the gift of the great tract of forest to the state cannot but be commended, yet it seems that Mr. Hapgood might have served the purpose of maintaining a forest preserve just as well by not making the stipulation that the trees remain "forever uncut," and, furthermore, the tract might have been made of some material benefit to the recipient. Vermont now has a forestry department, whose chief purpose is to see that the forests of the state are

properly conserved; and the policy of that department is not to prevent, if possible, the cutting of trees, but to prevent the cutting of them so indiscriminately as to denude the mountains of their wealth. The care of this Bromley mountain preserve will naturally fall under the province of this forestry department, which is entirely capable of preserving the trees in the best possible manner, and scientific foresters will tell you that the best and most practical conservation is the cutting of the trees at stated intervals and in sufficient sizes as to maintain the forests, not the complete freedom from the axe. Perhaps it may appear too fault-finding to pick flaws in a gift of such magnitude as this, but we nevertheless are inclined to believe that Mr. Hapgood rather went beyond what is necessary in his laudable desire to maintain the forests on Bromley mountain and that he tied the state's hands somewhat unnecessarily. Vermont's forestry department might have been relied upon to properly conserve the forests.

Current Comment

The Revised Wickersham.

For years reformers have complained of the frequency with which officers of the government were lured by higher rewards into the services of great corporations, many of which might be ostentatiously trying to dodge some law or regulation which these men as public servants had been enforcing. Senator Aldrich once complained of this in regard to the tariff. He showed how the government's trained experts were constantly going out to work for the importers. The same process has been observed in the patent office. It should not be overlooked that men may move in the other direction; an attorney of a great trust may become the next year a government prosecutor. Mr. Wickersham, for example, who is now moving against the so-called electric combination, sat on the Westinghouse board when it was organized and was for a part of the time at least of counsel for that company. It is even questioned whether he may not as a prosecuting officer have to make use of some of the confidence which he acquired while an attorney on the other side. His appointment was at first much criticized by the radical people as an evidence that Taft's administration had

gone over horse, foot and dragon to the conservatives. But with the completion of Mr. Wickersham's first year of work, with its report of his proceedings against the combinations in supposed restraint of trade, it became evident that they had "caught a Tartar" instead of ensconcing a friend in court.—Boston Herald.

Two Years Ahead.

It is said that the "old guard" have tentatively fixed upon Joseph A. DeBoer of Montpelier as the next candidate for governor of Vermont. The president of the National Life Insurance company is sufficiently well-to-do, and in such a position as to financial interests as to satisfy the requirements of those who, according to custom, name our executives for us. But what will millionaire farmer Fletcher say to this selection? What will President Vail say about it? And what will the people say about it? It may be possible that the people will, by June, 1912, become so self-assertive that they may wish to have a voice in the selection.—Wilmington Times.

The Down-trodden Teacher.

The most precious things in the world are children, but the country does not spend half enough in their education to prepare them for life. Here in Vermont, teachers are squeezed down to a starvation wage, while tax commissioners, bank commissioners, state's attorneys and municipal judges are given a lift whenever the right wires are pulled. Is there no way for the teacher to hitch a wire to the public money purse?—Windsor Journal.

An Opinion of Mead.

John A. Mead, governor of Vermont, is making good. His election was a disappointment to many of his fellow citizens who did not consider him the right sort for the executive chair. He was considered unprogressive, a representative of a generation too fixed in its ideas and habits to expect and work for big things in Vermont. To these good people who entertained grave fears, the governor is proving delightfully disappointing. His official acts show that he is abreast of the times, and knows and is working for what is best for the state. His appointments on the whole have been good, and he has the happy knack of working with and through the legislature. The members of that body, regardless of party, seem to respect the executive and to desire to co-operate with him in progressive legislation. There has been no pulling and hauling, with the result that much has already been accomplished. If the governor keeps on as he has begun he will compel the commendation of his hitherto critics.—Bellows Falls Times.

Winter Resorts.

The New Haven and Boston & Main railroads have established at Boston a department that will give particular attention to promoting winter business in the White Mountains and elsewhere in New England. There is nothing unreasonable in the idea that northern New England can be made as great a winter resort as it is a summer resort. The climate in this section is delightfully invigorating through the winter months and there are plenty of hotels where guests can find comfort in cold weather. What is most needed to make this plan successful is a generous measure of well-directed publicity. For example, does anyone doubt there are hundreds of city dwellers who would have been only too glad to come to Brattleboro for the sake of the splendid skating of last week had they known of its existence and been assured of comfortable accommodations? It is true of course that there are rinks in every city, but can they be compared with 25 miles of perfect ice and such beautiful scenery as Brattleboro can offer?—Brattleboro Reform.

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Jingles and Jests

Elegy Written in a (Brown) Study.

[How well I know what I mean to do when the long dark (winter) evenings come.—Browning, etc.]
Relic of vanished beauty,
Playing the Muse's Muses;
Yet as the smoke drifts by me
After an evening nap,
Weary and worn and jaded,
What though your form has faded,
Though you are old and grimy,
Still you're a handy chap.

Puff; and I see the fairies,
Thick as the study air is,
Rise to the homely rafter,
Playing the Muse's Muses;
Puff! and I feel them stealing
Down from the blackening ceiling,
Lighting my soul with laughter,
Filling my bumps with rhyme.

Quicker I puff and quicker,
Thicker they come and thicker,
Shading the glowing embers
There in the ruddy grate;
Casting me fairy glances,
Sending a fog of fancies—
Not like a dull November's;
Those are the fogs I hate.

Ah! I could puff forever,
Do you forsake me? Never!
Friend of the winter poet,
You are a friend indeed.
You are a pipe and brother;
Yes, I shall take another
Whiff for an hour—ah, blow it!
I've used up all my words!

Advice for the Parson.

They were a simple looking couple, so thought the minister as he joined them irrevocably in the holy bonds of matrimony; but his suspicions were aroused when, after the ceremony, he observed the bridegroom searching through his pockets and looking a trifle humiliated and confused.

"I am afraid, parson," said the young man at length, "that I ain't got any money like to pay you with."
Then, after a moment of deep thought, he looked up cheerfully.

"But I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll tell you how you can fix yer gas meter so it won't register!"—T.J. Bits.

It Came Back.

Egbert—Oh, yes, I hit upon a plan which I thought would work. I wrote a note enclosing \$10, and tied both about the cat's neck. The note read: "Finder may keep both the cat and the money."
"And how did it work?"
"The cat came back the next day with another note tied to its neck. The note read: Don't feed the cat, but can use the money. Please send \$10 more."—Yonkers Statesman.

WEDS SISTER OF CHUM.

Westerner Had Only Met Her 12 Days Before.

Rutland, Dec. 30.—Announcement was made yesterday of the marriage at Wallingford Tuesday of Miss Ina T. Earle of East Claremont and Guy Chilson of Oakland, Ia., the affair having an unusual romance connected with it. Rufus Earle, brother of the bride went to Oakland to work some months ago. Chilson became a chum of young Earle. The brother received one day a photograph of his sister and showed it to Chilson. The Iowa man became so infatuated over the girl's appearance that a correspondence opened between them. A short time ago Rufus brought Chilson to Vermont for a visit and the young couple were wedded 12 days after they first saw each other.



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MEETS OLD SUBJECTS.

Ex-King Manuel of Portugal at Gathering of Royalists.

London, Dec. 30.—No direct confirmation has reached London of the reported troubles at Lisbon, but a special dispatch from that city says that two important decrees have just been published. The first provides penalties for offences against the republican system and the provisional government, and also for spreading false and alarming news. The second provides punishment for breach of military discipline.

In connection with the rumors of a new movement at Lisbon, it is interesting to note that a gathering of Portuguese royalist leaders took place in London last week and that ex-King Manuel, who was here for five days, held several conferences with them. It is stated

that Manuel is projecting a course of study at British universities and after that a tour of the world, which will include the United States, as a preparation, through attention to governmental affairs, for a possible resumption of the throne.

An Act of Necessity.

A correspondent writes in to correct a story printed in this paper several days ago. "In that snake story I sent you," he complains, "you made one mistake. I told you that the snake was twenty feet long and you had it only ten feet long." We are sorry for this, but the error was unavoidable. We were very much crowded for space when we used the story and we had to cut everything conferences with them. It is stated

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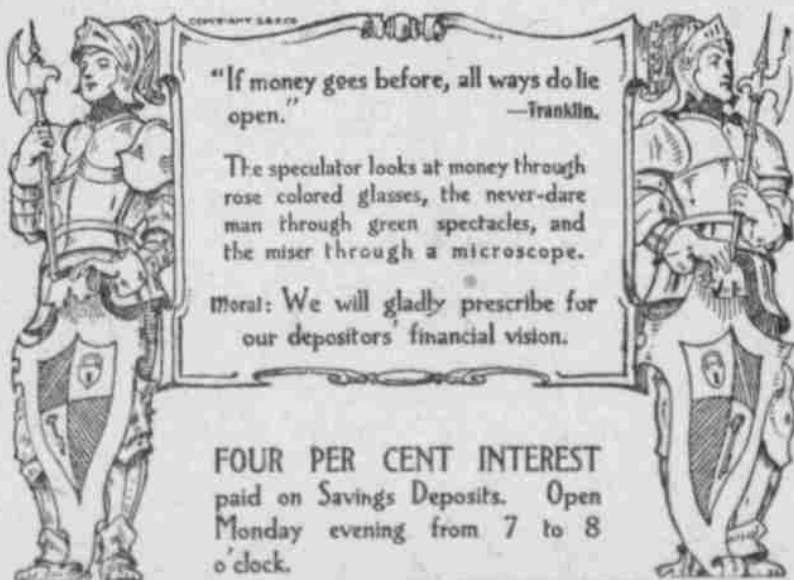
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